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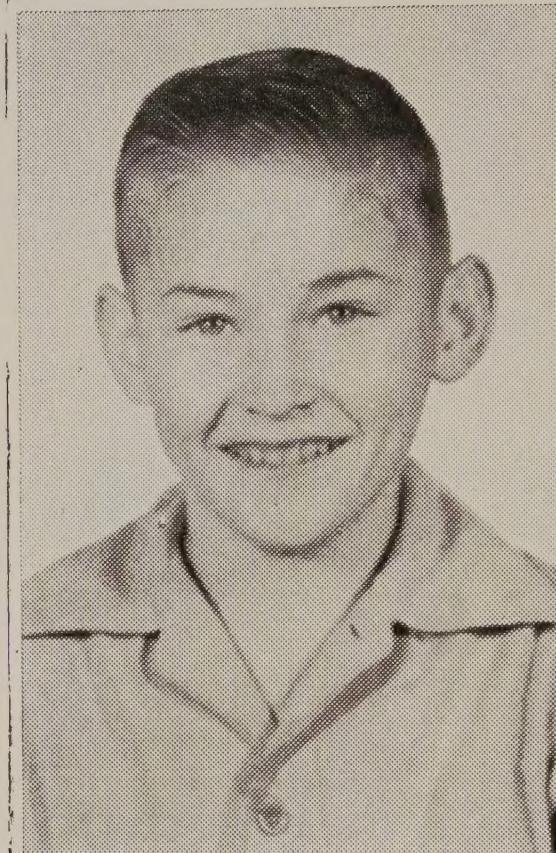
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Durham, New Hampshire



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This is the BILLY HEPLER SEED COMPANY'S first catalog. We hope that you will find some item in it that will make your garden more interesting or more productive.

The BILLY HEPLER SEED COMPANY will bring you novelties and new varieties especially suited to the short summers of the north. Some of these like the Tiny Tim tomato or the M13 sweet corn are designed for the home garden or the road side stand alone. Others like the Merrimack Wonder pepper, Early Chatham tomato, Butternut squash, and the Flash bean have found commercial acceptance. Still others like the Soldier and the Jacob's Cattle beans are widely grown in northern New England and yet have never found their way into commercial channels.

All the seed offered is grown locally and is therefore more expensive than commercially grown seed. In some cases very little seed is available. However, we are glad to share with you what little we have. If you like to experiment we hope you will try some of the heirloom beans. Many of them date back to the Indians who loved their brilliant colors.

TOMATO

TINY TIM—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., University of New Hampshire. This is a dwarf tomato with small fruit. It may be started in August, transplanted to a five inch

pot filled with rich composted soil. When grown in a sunny window, it will ripen its fruit by Christmas. Planted outdoors it will produce hundreds of small, high quality tomatoes. Pkt. 25 cts.; 1/2 oz. \$2.50.

WINDOW BOX—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. The WINDOW BOX is the earliest medium sized tomato, often ripening its first tomatoes in mid-July. The tomatoes are red in color, and weigh from 2 to 3 oz. Seed is scarce. Pkt. 25 cts.; 1/2 oz. \$4.00.

EARLY CHATHAM—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. The earliest commercial tomato. A high yielding variety with a 3 oz. tomato, red in color. This variety is widely grown in places where the season is short. It is the only commercial variety that is sure to ripen in northern New Hampshire. In southern New Hampshire growers have found it profitable when grown in a rich soil and a warm location. The seed should not be started too early. Setting out plants with fruit delays maturity. Pkt. 25 cts.; 1/2 oz. \$1.00.

PEPPER

MERRIMACK WONDER (sweet)—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. This variety has been selected especially for short cool summers. It is a thick walled pepper, sets fruit early and is very productive. Its quality is excellent. If you have had trouble getting peppers in August, try this variety. Pkt. 25 cts.; 1/2 oz. \$1.25.

BEAN

TINY GREEN—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. A whole canning, high quality snap bean. The seeds are white in color and small in size; the plants are large and should be spaced 9 to 12 inches apart. You will like this variety. Pkt. 25 cts.; 1/2 lb. \$1.00.

FLASH—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. FLASH has both bright red pods and beans in the green shell stage. As a road side stand bean it makes a very attractive appearance either shelled or in the pod. It also makes an excellent baking bean. Pkt. 25 cts.; lb. 75 cts.; 5 lbs. \$2.50.

BRILLIANT—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. Very similar to FLASH excepting that the plant has short runners and is therefore not a true dwarf. The yield is slightly higher than FLASH. Pkt. 25 cts.; lb. 75 cts.; 5 lbs. \$2.50.

SOLDIER—A white kidney bean with the figure of a soldier on its eye. Very popular as a dry bean in New Hampshire. One of the best of the Heirlooms. Pkt. 25 cts.; lb. 50 cts.; 5 lbs. \$2.50.

BUMBLE BEE—Grown for both green shell and dry shell. The beans are large in size, white with big red eye, really beautiful in the full green shell stage. It is of excellent quality as a baking bean. Not a commercial green shell bean since it has yellow pods. Seed is very scarce. Pkt. 25 cts..

JACOB'S CATTLE—Widely grown in New Hampshire under such names as Trout, Speckled Beauty, Coach Dog. This bean is widely grown for green and dry shell purposes. Perhaps the prettiest of all dry shell beans. Pkt. 25 cts.; lb. 50 cts.

GOLDEN PEA—A high quality golden yellow pea bean. This is an old variety that is popular in many sections of New England. Pkt. 25 cts.; lb. 75 cts.

LAPIN—This dwarf white marrow bean comes from Russia and is an all around variety. In its early stages it may be used as a string bean, later for green shell and finally as a high quality baking bean. An early bean maturing in Durham when planted in late June. Pkt. 25 cts.; lb. 50 cts.

SWEET CORN

KINGSCROST M13—A single cross hybrid. 65-70 days. Among the many varieties tested in New Hampshire this always excelled in earliness, high quality, beauty of ear and evenness in ripening. The ears are of the 8 rowed Golden Bantam type, small in diameter but about 7 inches long. You will like it in your home garden. Pkt. 25 cts.; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 50 cts.

EARLY WINE—Many people remember the Black Mexican corn of long ago. **EARLY WINE** is an early improved Black Mexican. It is an open pollinated variety. Not equal to M13 in quality. Pkt. 25 cts.; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 50 cts.

POPCORN

POPINJAY—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. A cross between Pinkie and New Hampshire Pearl, an early maturing popcorn with all the colors of the rainbow. It can be used for decoration and popping. Pkt. 25 cts.; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 50 cts.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GOLDEN—A BILLY HEP-
LER SEED CO. introduction. A golden yellow,
hulless, rice type of popcorn, very early with a
6 inch ear. It has been selected and grown
from ears which had a popping expansion of
25 and above. Pkt. 25 cts.; lb. 60 cts; 5 lbs.
\$2.50.

SQUASH

BUTTERNUT—The most popular squash introduced in recent years in New England. It belongs to the Moschata or Cushaw group of squash and will not cross with squash of the Hubbard type. It is an excellent baking and pie squash. Pkt. 25 cts.; oz. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$4.50.

BUSH BUTTERCUP—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. An improved buttercup squash, earlier in maturity and higher yielding. It sets its first fruit close to roots of the plant. It has shorter internodes, therefore a smaller vine. Very little seed available. Pkt. of 50 seeds—25 cts.

CANTALOUPE

GRANITE STATE—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., UNH. An early high quality muskmelon bred especially for northern climate and short cool summers. Pkt. 25 cts.

WATERMELON

MERRIMACK SWEETHEART—A BILLY HEPLER SEED CO. introduction. This melon originally came from Japan but has been re-selected for northern conditions. It is early and high in quality. It frequently ripens in southern New Hampshire by August 15. It is round and averages 7-10 lbs. in size with small seeds. Pkt. 25 cts.; oz. 75 cts.; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$4.00.

WHITE MOUNTAIN—An introduction of the Horticultural Dept., U. N. H. The earliest of all watermelons. It averages 4-5 lbs. Pkt. 25 cts.

